Application No.: 09/889,269

Amendment Dated August 1, 2003

Reply to Office Action dated: July 14, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending and are subject to a Restriction Requirement.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372,

Applicants hereby respectfully elect Group I, drawn to metallic material. Group I

currently includes claims 1 and 2. Additionally, non-elected claims 3 and 4 have been canceled hereby.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

Respectfully submitted,

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